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C O N F I D E N T I A L BIEN HOA 0670

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SUBJ: TAY NINH ROUND-UP

REF: A. BIEN HOA 619; B. BIEN HOA 653

1. TAY NINH PROVINCE CHIEF COL TRAN VAN TY TOLD CONGEN POLOFF DEC 19  
HE DOESNOT EXPECT MAJOR COMMUNIST PUSH IN TAY NINH IN NEXT COUPLE  
OF MONTHS, BUT HE IS PREPARING COUNTER PROBABLE ENEMY PRESSURE ON  
OUTLYING SETTLEMENTS OF MO CONG AND SUOI DA. TY APPEARED UN-  
CONCERNED BY ALMOST DAILY MORTARING OF KHIEM HAN DISTRICT COMPOUND  
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AND DECLINED CONFIRM RUMORED REPLACEMENT OF KHIEM HAN DISTRICT CHIEF

(REPORTED REF A). COMMENT: MR 3 COMMANDER IS AWARE OF POSSIBLE THREAT TO TAY NINH/HAU NGHIA/LONG AN FROM IRRADIATION SIZE UNIT ASSEMBLED IN PARROTGX BEAK AREA OF CAMBODIA (REF B). PRESUMABLY AT DIRECTION OF MR 3, LONG AN AND HAU NGHIA PROVINCE CHIEFS HELD MEETING YV OF SECTOR/SUB-SECTOR STAFFS DECEMBER 18 TO DISCUSS THREAT AND REACTION PLANS. CONGEN STRONGLY SUSPECTS TAY NINH PROVINCE HDHIEF RECEIVED SAME INTEL AND DIRECTIVES FROM MR 3, BUT POLOFF WAS UNABLE CONFIRM THAT MEETING WAS ACTUALLY HELD IN TAY NINH. CONGEN DOUBTS SINCERITY COL TY'S SHOW OF UNCONCERN ABOUT MILITARY PROSPECTS IN TAY NINH. SITUATION THERE FRAUGHT WITH UNCERTAINTY OF ENEMY'S INTENTIONS. CURRENT INTEL INDICATES ENEMY MAY STEP UP ACTIVITY THIS PROVINCE IN NEXT 10 DAYS. TY ALSO APPEARED TO BE DISTRACTED BY HIS FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH BYZANTINE ATMOSPHERE OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS BY VOLUME OF PETTY ADMINISTRATIVE DETAIL. END COMMENT.

2. COL TY DISCLOSED THAT TAY NINH PROVINCE POLICE CHIEF HAI AND HIEU TIEN DISTRICT CHIEF TUAN WERE REMOVED FOR CORRUPTION IN CONNECTION WITH SHADOW SUPPLY AND ADDED THAT LTC THUAN'S REPLACEMENT WOULD ASSUME HIS DUTIES DECEMBER 19. REPLACEMENT IS MAJ NGUYEN THAN PHAN, WHO COMES TO HIEU TIEN FROM PALACE. COMMENT: PHAN APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER ENTRY ON PRESIDENT THIEU'S REFORM SLATE FOR TAY NINH/HAU NGHIA. END COMMENT.

3. CONGEN POLOFF ALSO TALKED WITH NEW TAY NINH POLICE CHIEF, COL HOANG TICH HUU-AI, WHO IS COCKILY PROUD OF CLEAN-UP HE ACHIEVED OVER PAST YEAR IN HAU NGHIA. AI SAID TAY NINH CORRUPTION SITUATION IS NOT AS SERIOUS AS WHAT HE FOUND IN HAU NGHIA, AND PROVINCE CHIEF HAS ALREADY ASSURED AI OF HIS FULL SUPPORT FOR CLEAN-UP THIS PROVINCE. AI ADDED THAT HIS PREDECESSOR IN HAU NGHIA IS NOW BEFORE COURTS FOR CORRUPTION AND EXPECTS FORMER HAU NGHIA PROVINCE CHIEF COLONEL HAU WILL SOON HAVE SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES.

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